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Peep! Peep! Percy is the small Saddle Tank Engine who works in the Big Harbour Yard on the Island of Sodor! He often pulls trucks from the Big Harbour Yard down to the quarry! Percy enjoys his daily journey. He enjoys looking at the pretty countryside! However, in the story that begins on the next page, Percy has a very unusual journey indeed! Peep! Peep!

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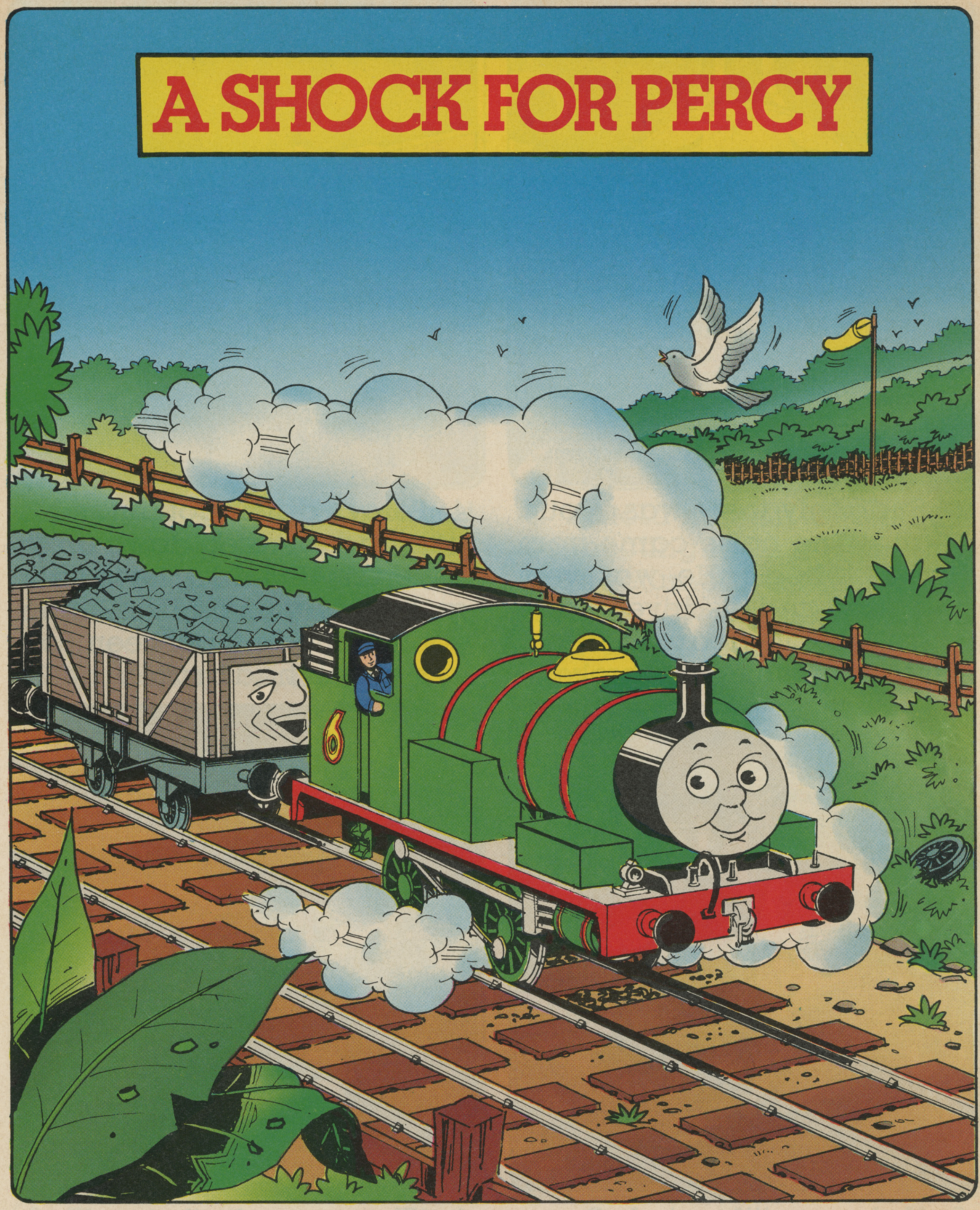
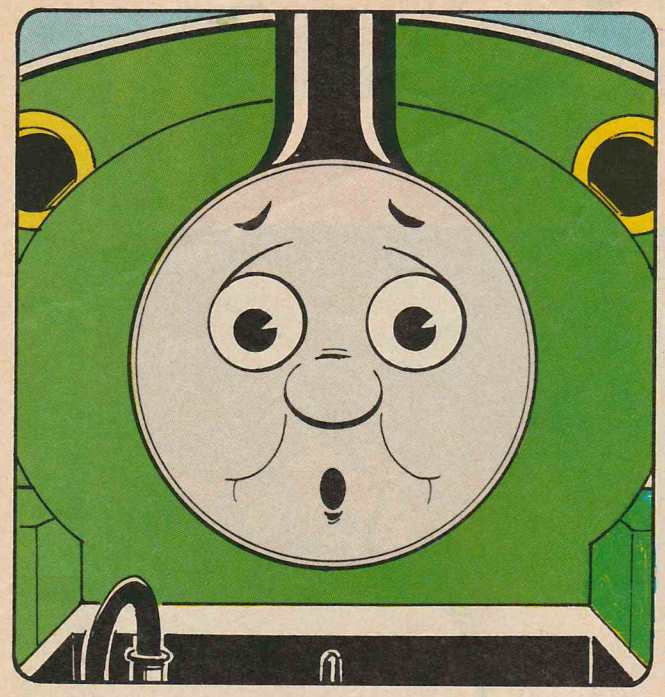
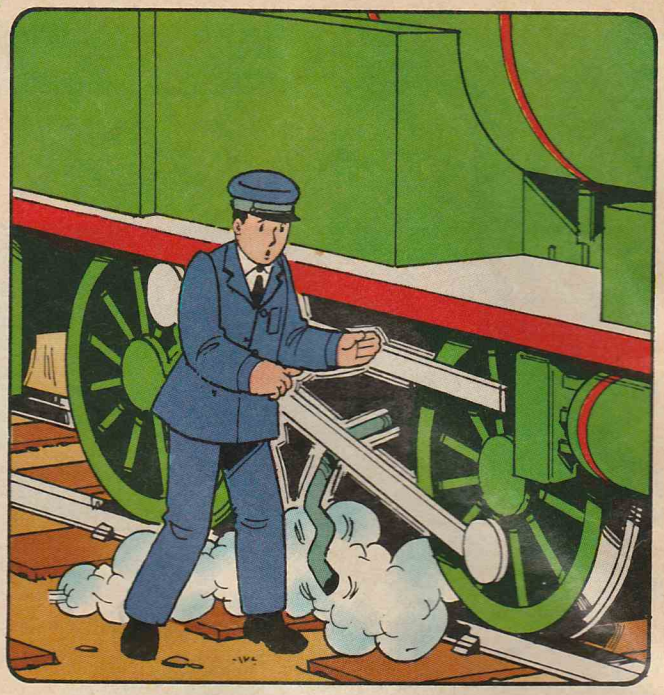


1. Percy is the Saddle Tank Engine. He is number six on the Fat Controller's railway. Percy works in the Big Harbour yard and shunts trucks to be loaded and unloaded.

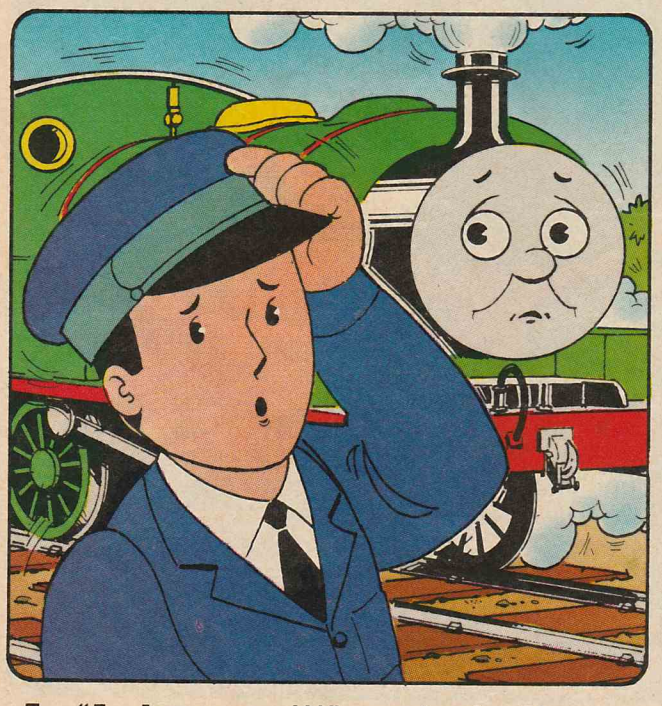
2. One day, Percy was pulling trucks full of stone from the quarry to the Harbour yard. As he puffed past the airfield, Percy became very tired from pulling the heavy trucks.



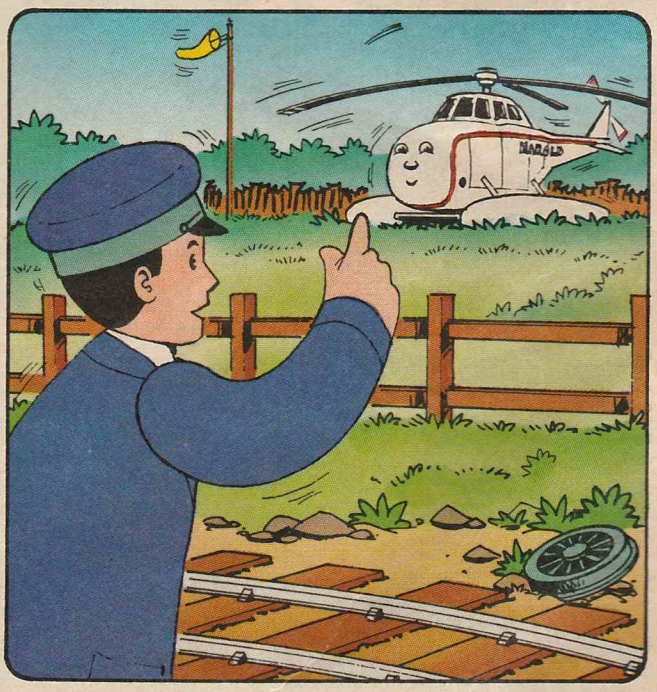
3. Suddenly, there was a loud 'clang'. The noise came from Percy's wheels. He was very surprised and his driver made him stop. "Oh, dear!" he cried. "I think something has broken!"



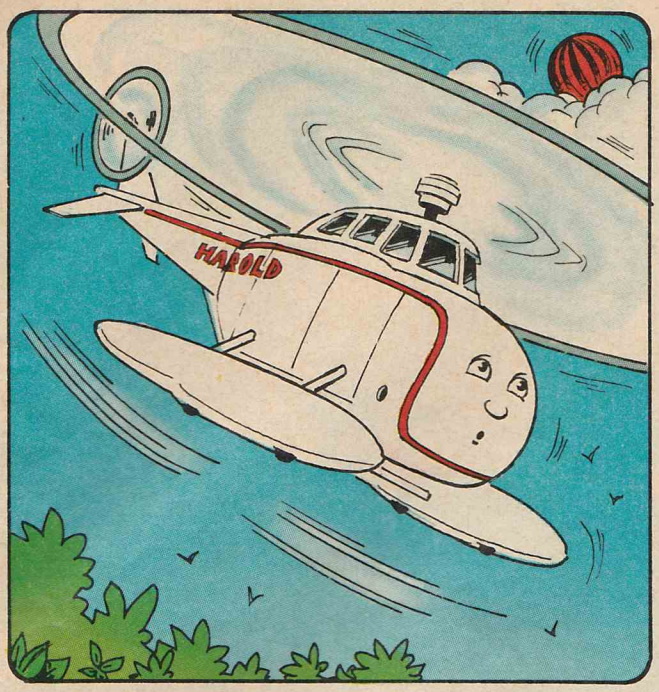
4. Percy's driver got out of his cab and climbed down on to the track. He bent over to look at Percy's wheels. The main connecting rod between Percy's wheels had broken.



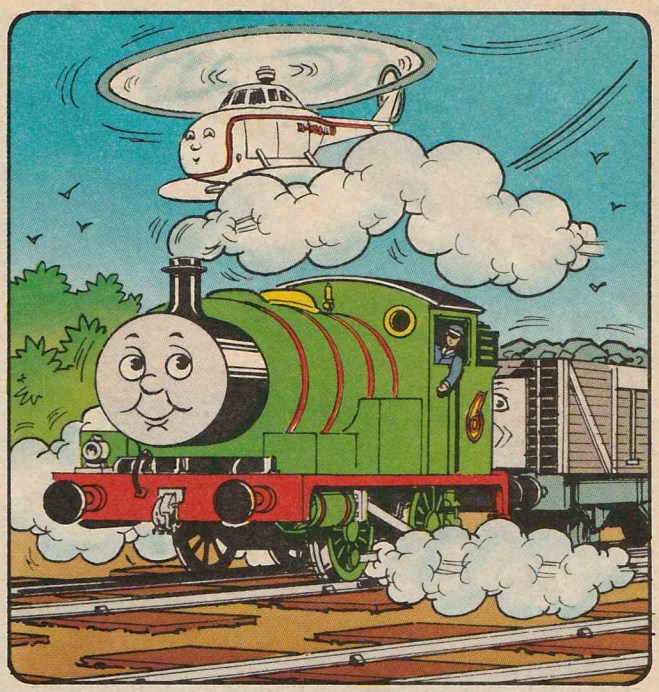
5. "I knew it!" cried Percy, crossly. "Pulling such a heavy load is too much for a small tank engine like me! Why wouldn't James or Henry help me with these trucks?"



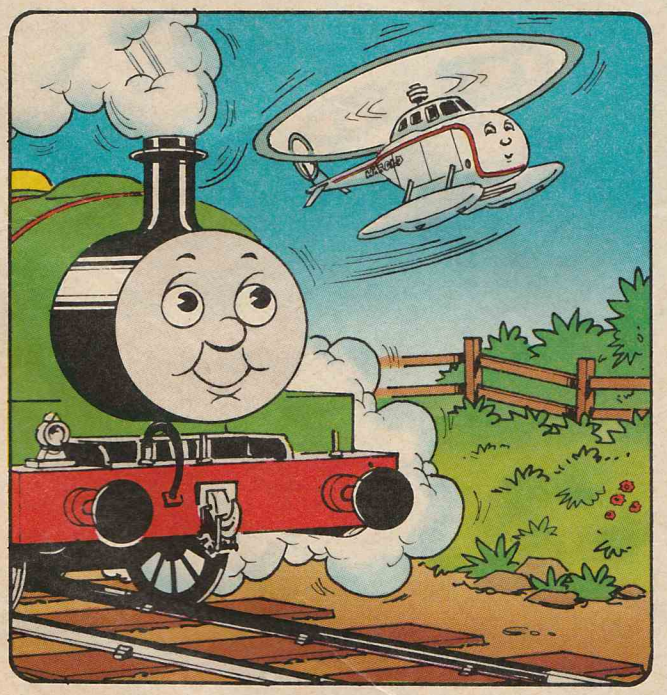
6. "They were both too busy today! James was asked to pull trucks and Henry was pulling the Express!" replied Percy's driver. Percy could not move until a new rod was fitted.



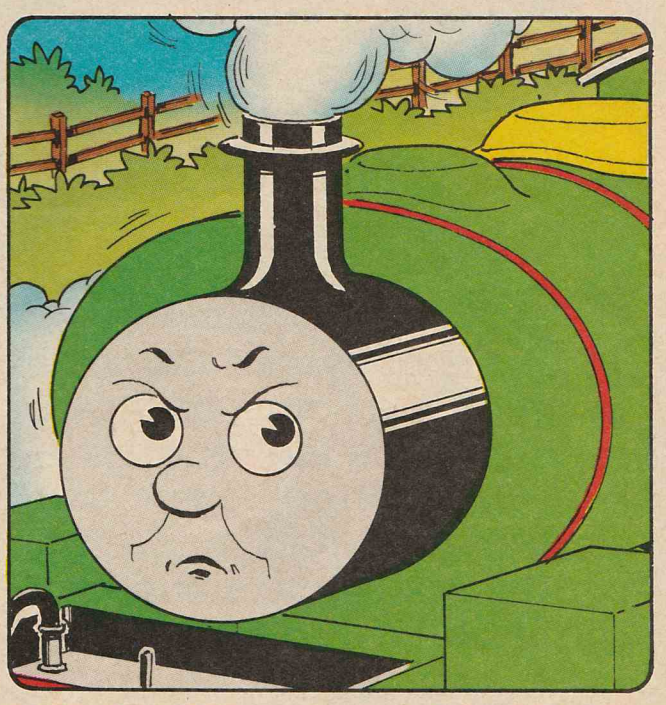
7. Percy's driver noticed that Harold the Helicopter was at the airfield. "We could ask Harold to fetch a new connecting rod," he said. "Please hurry," replied Percy.



8. Harold flew off to fetch the connecting rod for Percy and soon returned. On his return, Harold saw a giant striped ball in the sky! Harold was very surprised!



9. The engineers quickly arrived to fit the connecting rod to Percy. The next day, Percy was pulling trucks full of stone from the quarry, when Harold flew in overhead.



10. "Did you see that stripy ball in the sky yesterday?" Harold asked Percy. "Don't be silly," huffed Percy, hurrying on. "Whoever heard of such a thing," he continued.

11. Percy delivered the trucks to the harbour and was returning to the quarry. He was pondering over what Harold had told him. Then suddenly, Percy noticed a giant ball flying above some trees nearby, as he puffed around a bend in the track. "Oh dear!" gasped Percy. The giant ball floated nearer until it flew right over him.

12. The mysterious ball looked like a hot air balloon. A large basket was fixed underneath, with two men in it. They waved at Percy. "What a surprise!" said Percy's driver. "It's a hot air balloon! I was told they were having test flights, before giving rides at the airfield's open day tomorrow!" "So that's what Harold saw!" chuckled Percy.

THE END!

In our next issue: Thomas and the concert!

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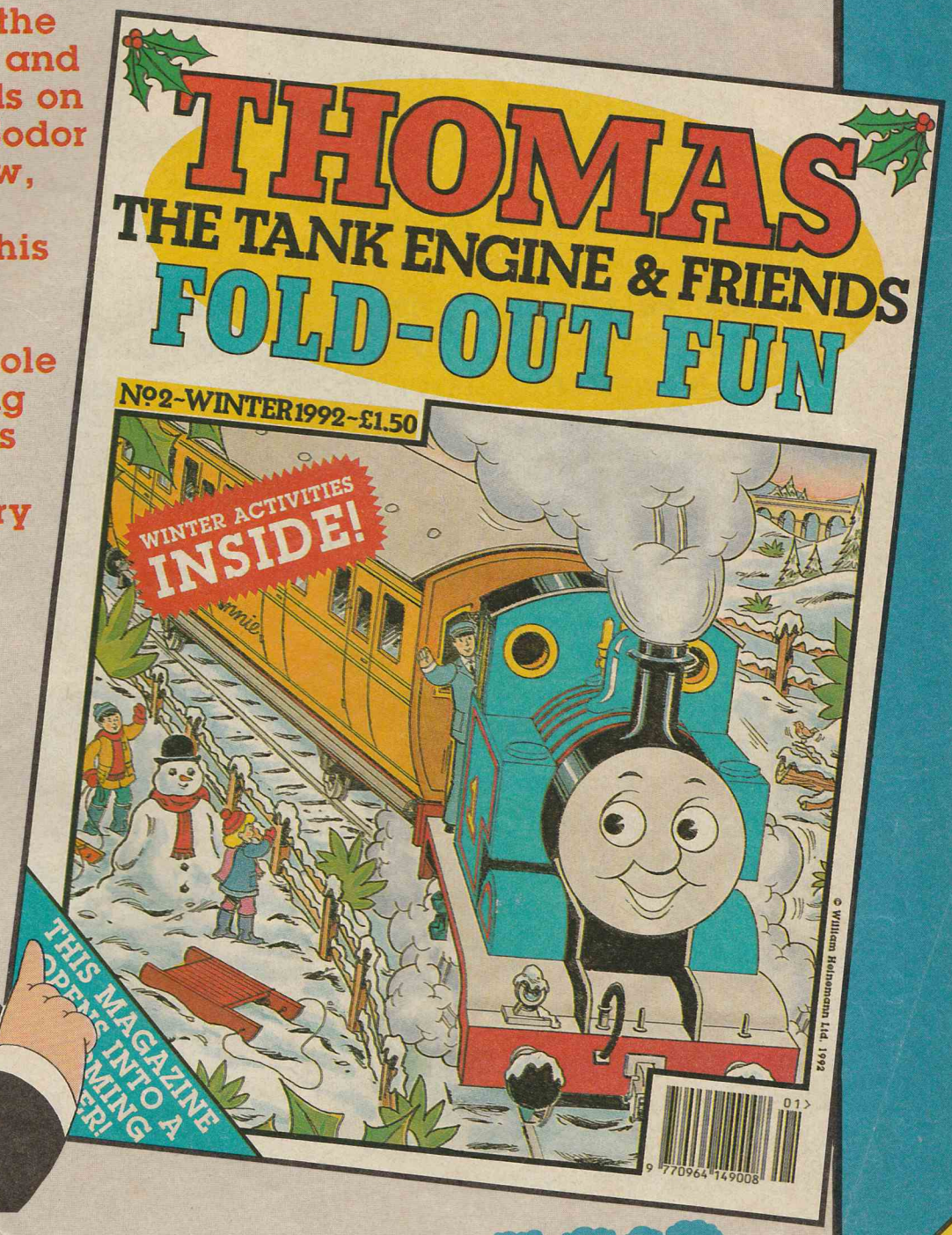

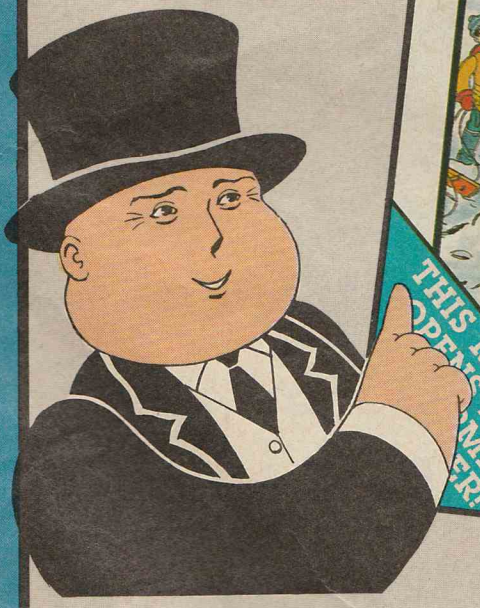

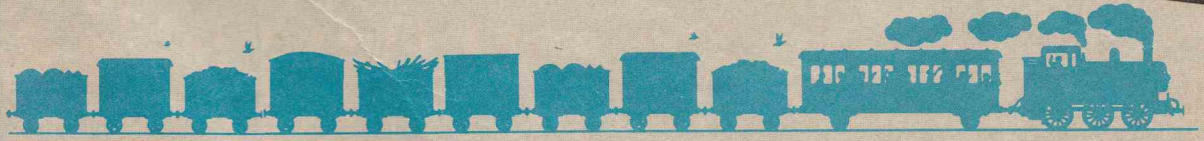

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THE SPECIAL DELIVERY

One morning, Thomas was pulling the post-train along his branch line. As he arrived at the Vicarage Orchard, he stopped to talk to his friend Trevor the Traction Engine.

"Peep! Peep! Hello, Trevor!" whistled Thomas. "I can't stay long. I have so much post to deliver. I am carrying more and more letters these days!"

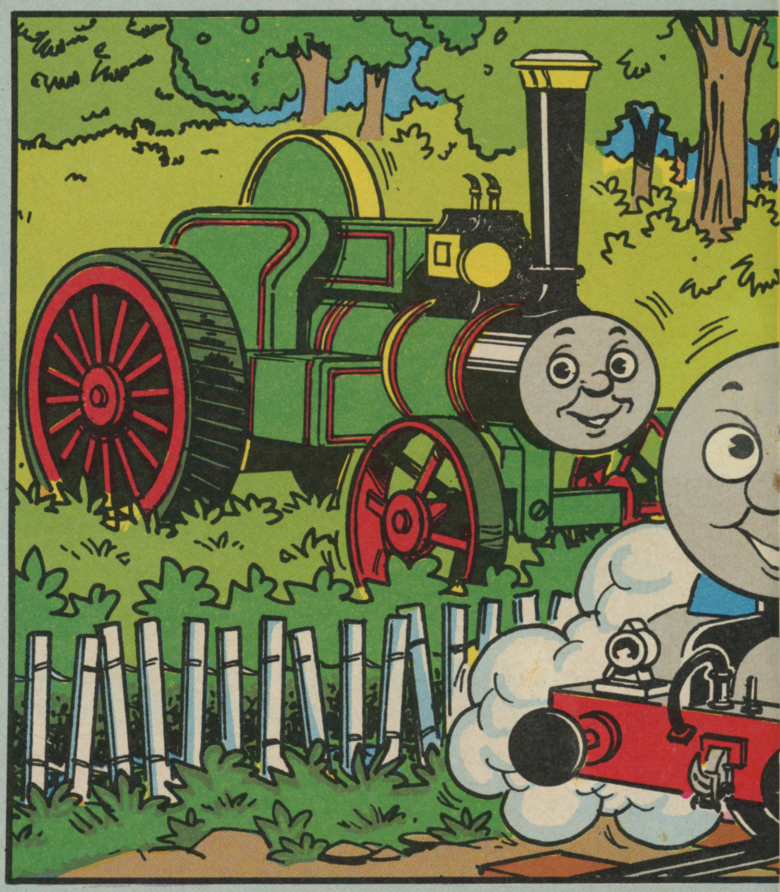
"I wish I were busy," sighed Trevor, looking sad. "I haven't seen anyone for over a week! I've been sitting here in my shed, getting dusty and doing nothing since the last fete!" Thomas did not want to leave Trevor on his own. But he had to be going, or he would be late.

"I will come and see you again, tomorrow, Trevor!" said Thomas as he left. "I'll be here, as usual," muttered Trevor, sadly. Thomas felt very unhappy. He did not like to think of Trevor being lonely. When he returned to the Main Station yard, Thomas spoke to his driver.

"There must be something we can do to cheer Trevor up." said Thomas.

"Trevor likes giving rides to the children at the church fête," replied his driver. "But the next one is not for a whole month!" Thomas had an idea and excitedly told his driver all about it. Without a moment to waste Thomas's driver telephoned the headmaster at Wellsworth School.

"The headmaster will speak to the children about your idea this afternoon, Thomas," said his driver, afterwards. Next morning, Thomas pulled Annie and Clarabel along his



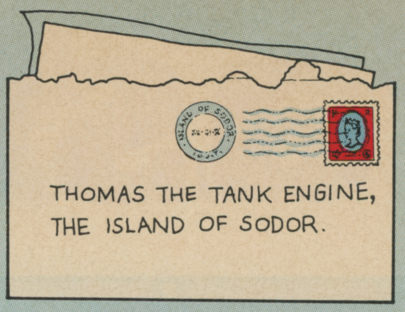
branch line. When he stopped to talk to Trevor he found him more miserable than ever.

"I suppose you can only stay for a minute because you are so busy, as usual?" said Trevor.

"Yes," replied Thomas. "But I will be coming by with the post train tomorrow!" Trevor didn't know that Thomas had made a plan which would cheer him up.

The following day, Thomas woke bright and early. When his driver arrived at the engine shed, he told Thomas the idea had worked well.

"Peep! Trevor will be surprised!" whistled Thomas excitedly, as he set off with the post-train. He could hardly



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wait to see Trevor. As he neared the Vicarage Orchard, Thomas slowed to a halt and his driver climbed out of the cab. He lifted down a big sack of post.

"You are carrying lots of letters today, Thomas," called Trevor. "Who are they all for?" "They're for you!" laughed Thomas. "That sackful the driver is carrying is all your post! It's a special delivery!" Trevor could hardly believe his eyes.

"The letters are from all the schoolchildren in Wellsworth," explained Thomas. "They wanted to write and say how much they are looking forward to having a ride on you at the next fête."

Trevor felt so happy and proud that his cheeks flushed bright red.

"Your driver, Jem, will read all the letters to you," Thomas continued. When you realise how many friends you've got you won't feel lonely anymore. "Thank you" smiled Trevor, happily.

"But I think you're my best friend, Thomas, for being so kind!"

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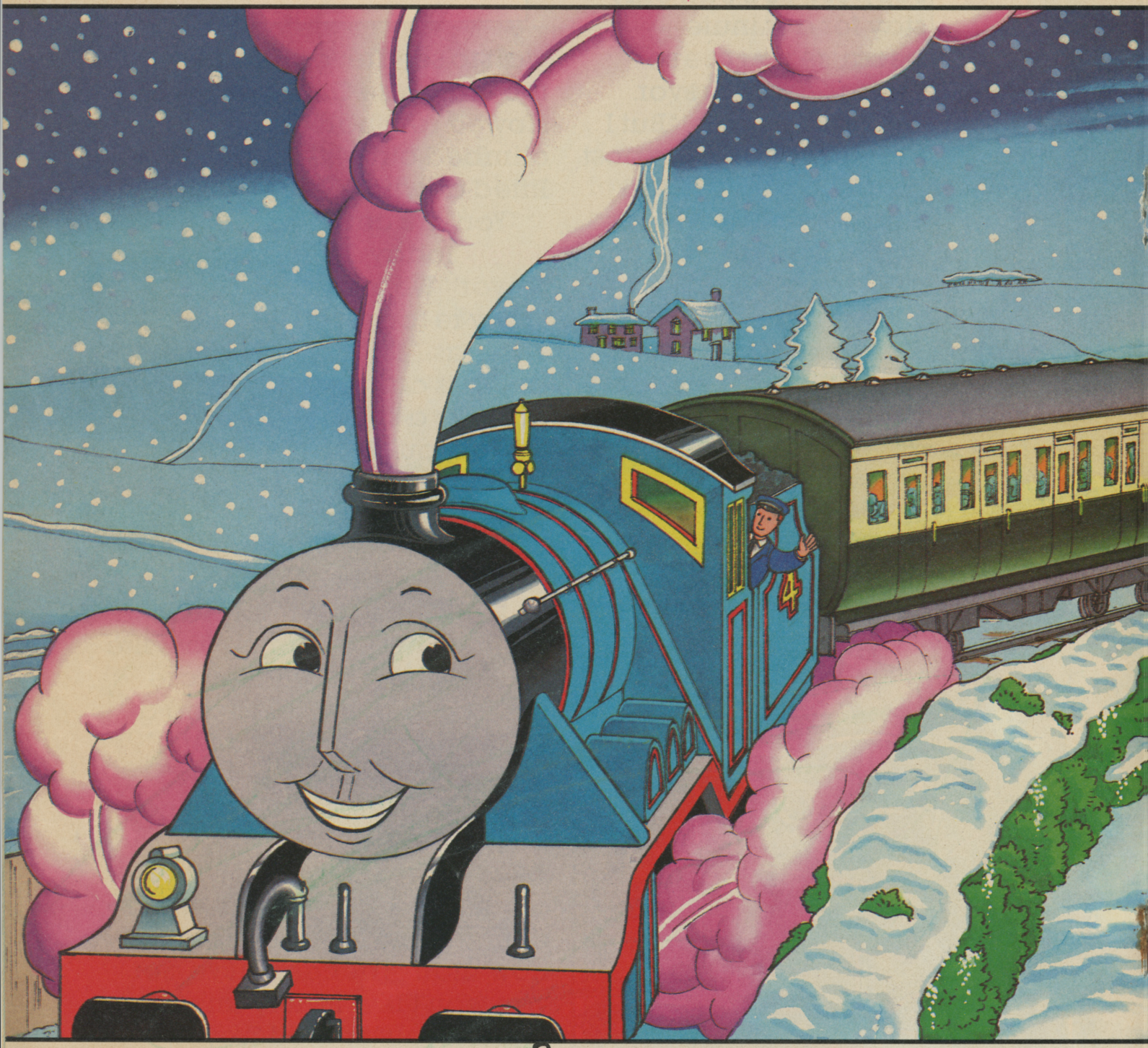

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What colour is he?
Which coaches are being pulled!
Point to the Fat Controller's cottage!

Can you see Stephen and
What are they making?
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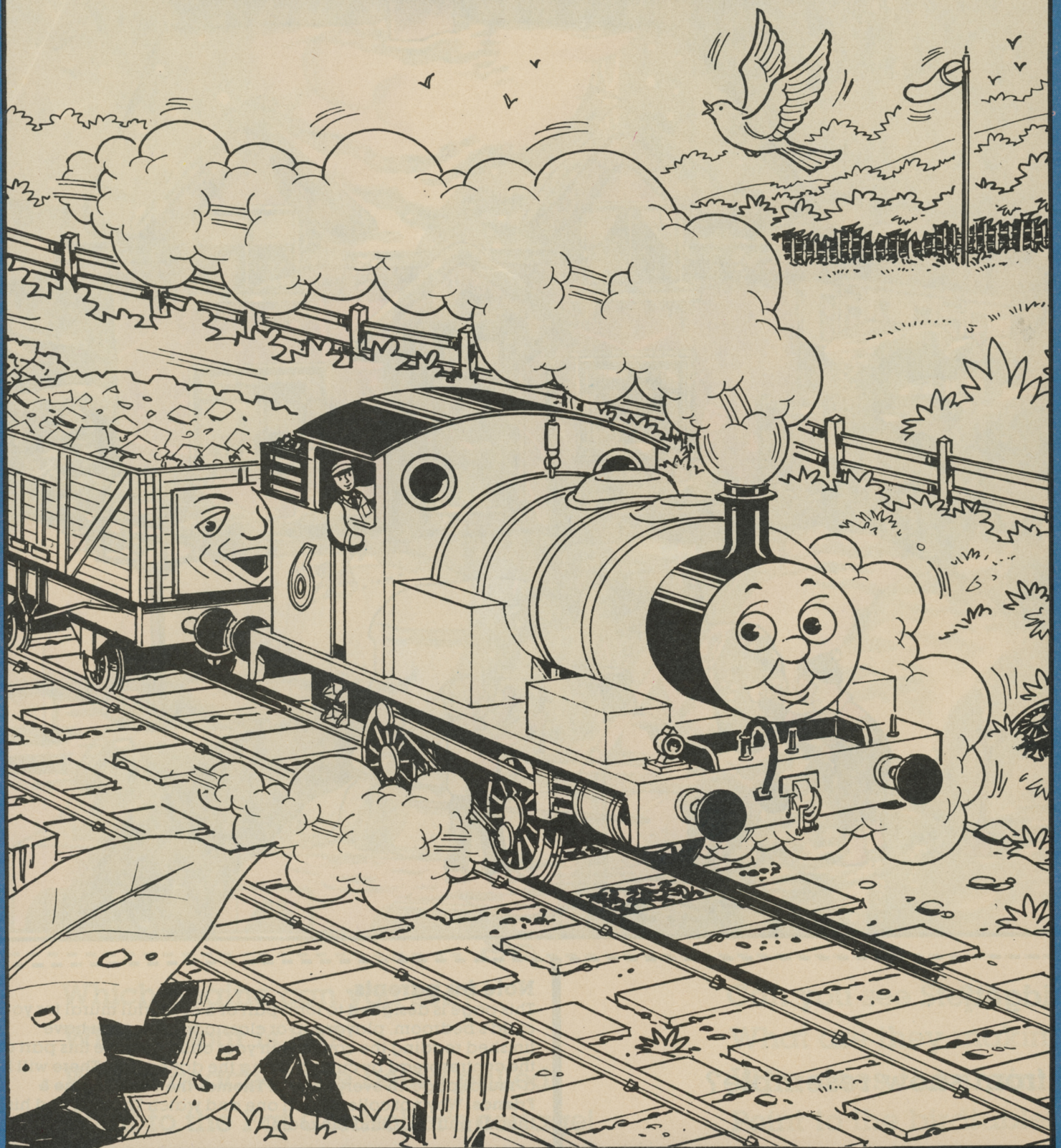
Next issue: Into the station yard!

COLOURING TIME!

Percy has seen a very strange sight
Now, colour him in - bold and bright!



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In a kind and caring way How is Bridget helping today?

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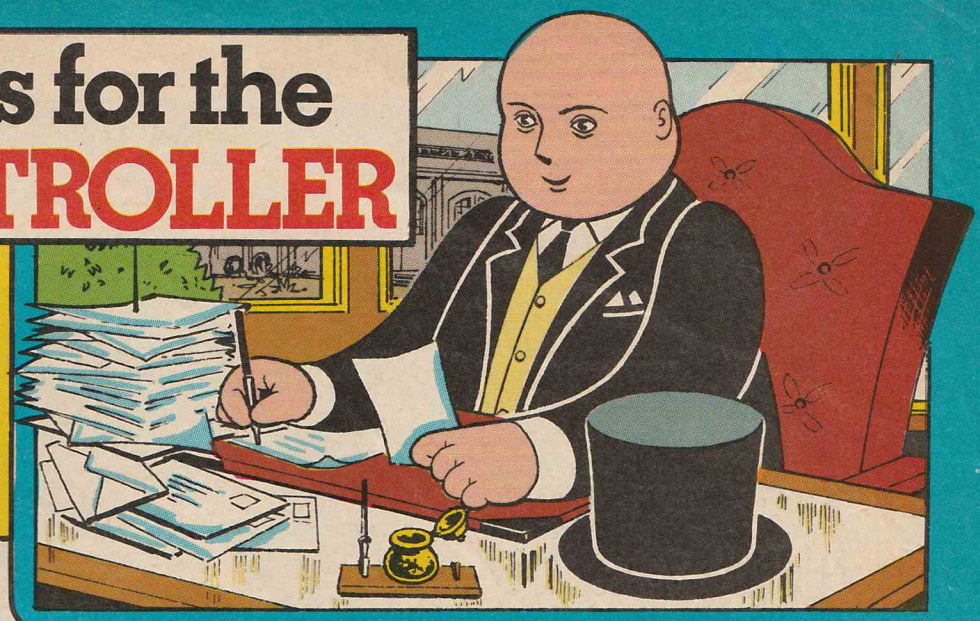

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Thomas is an engine
Big, bold and blue
When he's on his branch line
He whistles out to you!
Here he is, there he goes
When will he be back
Nobody knows!

Love from **Gary**, aged 3.

Gracious me! What splendid poetry! Your charming verse has won a prize To write again would be wise!

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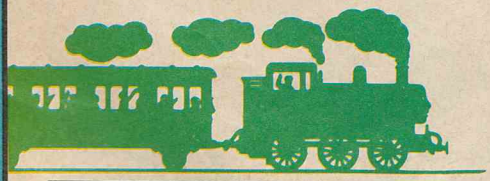

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TUNNEL TROUBLE!

Dear Fat Controller,
I was very frightened of bats before I read your story about the bat that flew around inside the tunnel! In the story, your engines liked the bat. Now, I don't think bats or tunnels are frightening!

Love from **Barnaby,** aged 3.

I'm glad this story helped you understand that bats are not too frightening when you get used to them. We are lucky to have a lot of wildlife on the Island of Sodor!

FAVOURITE ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
My name is Philip and I am writing to ask you which is your favourite engine between Thomas, Henry, James and Gordon! My favourite engine is Thomas because he is always right!

Love from **Philip.**

Upon my soul! *I do not have any favourite engines as such! Each of my engines are equally important to me for the efficient running of my railway!*

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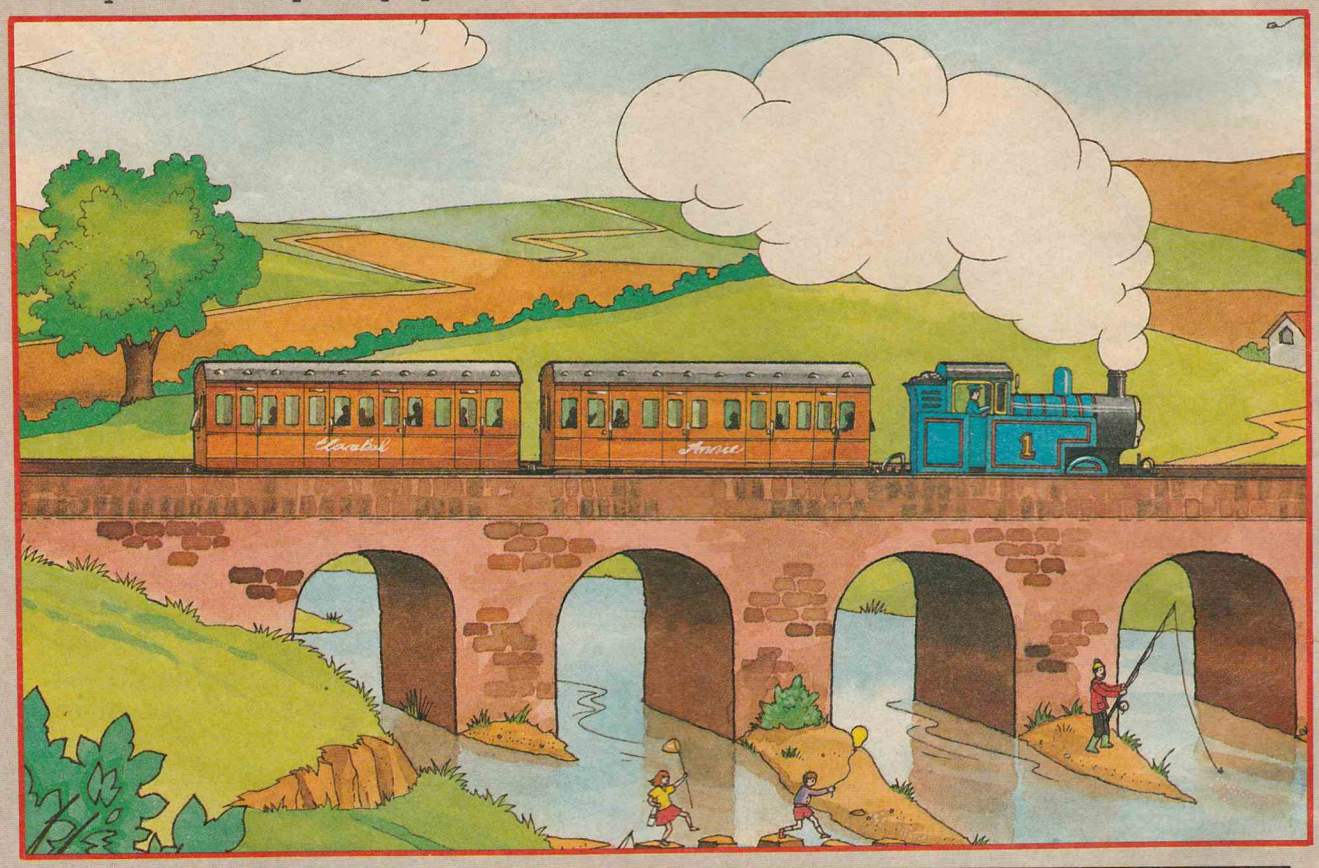

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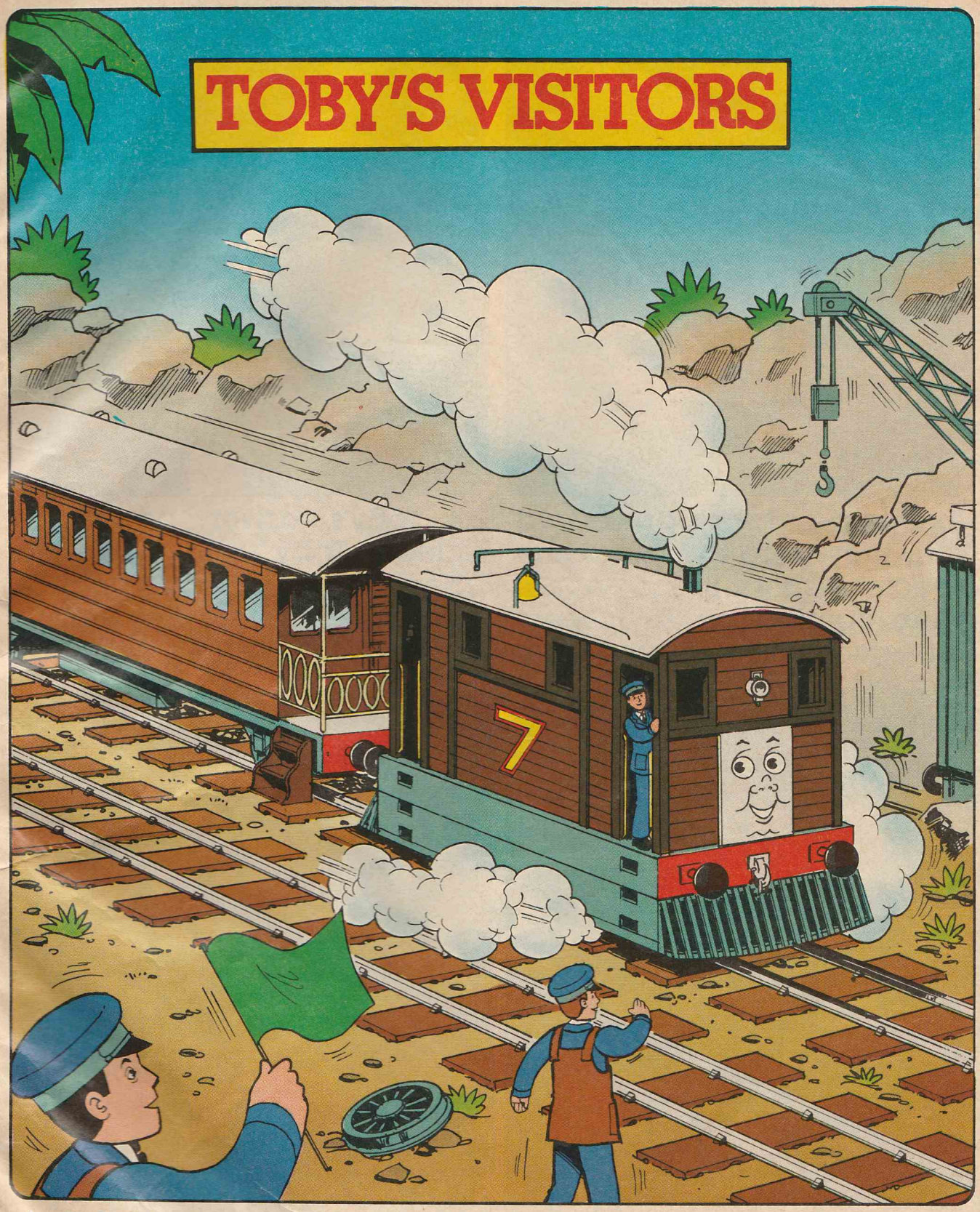
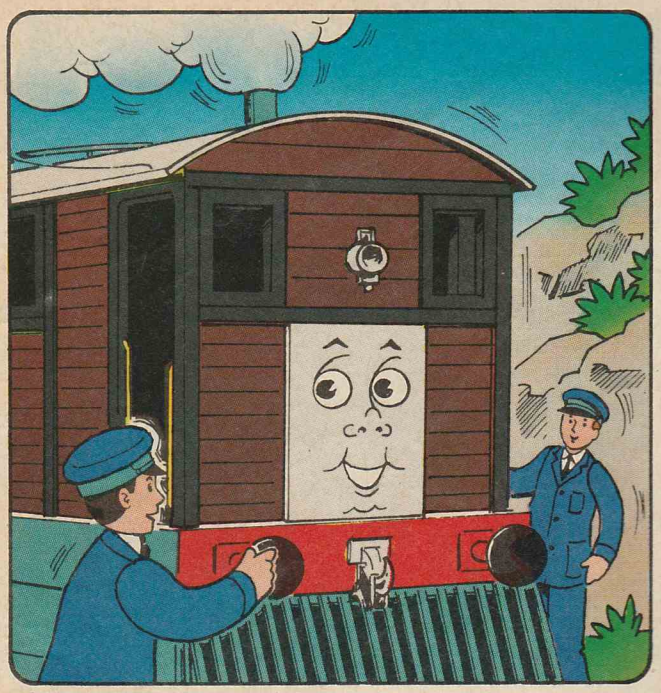


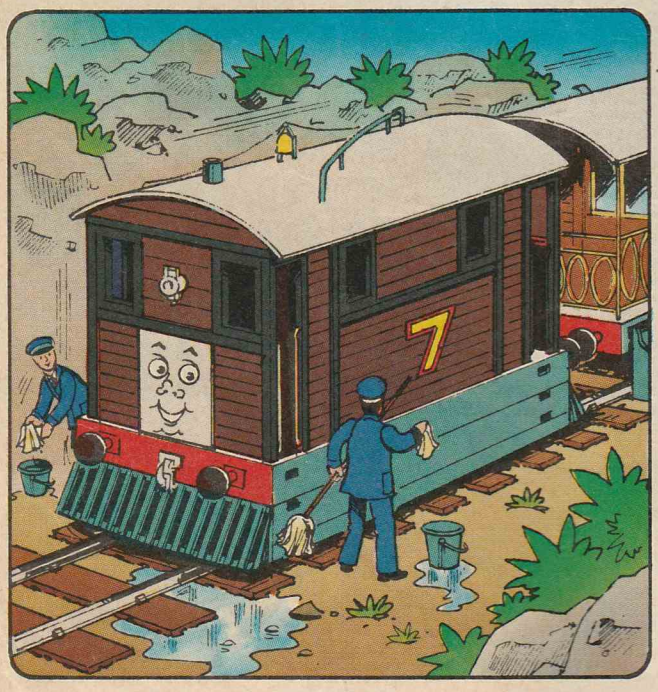
1. Toby is a steam driven tram engine. He works on the old quarry branch line. It is a quiet line, and Toby spends some days without meeting any other engines.

2. Toby would be very lonely indeed, if it were not for his coach, Henrietta. No matter where Toby travels, Henrietta is always coupled faithfully behind him.

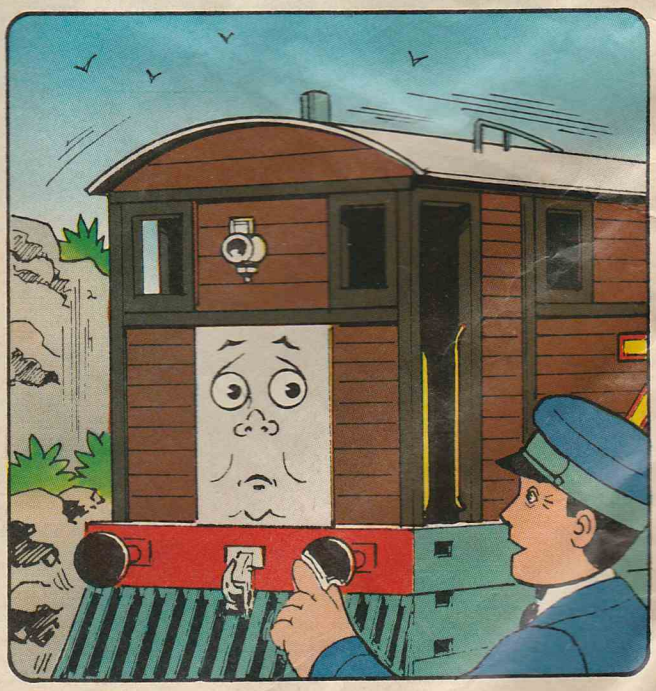


3. One day Toby's driver told him they were to have some special visitors. Some people were coming up to inspect the quarry. Toby was very excited indeed.

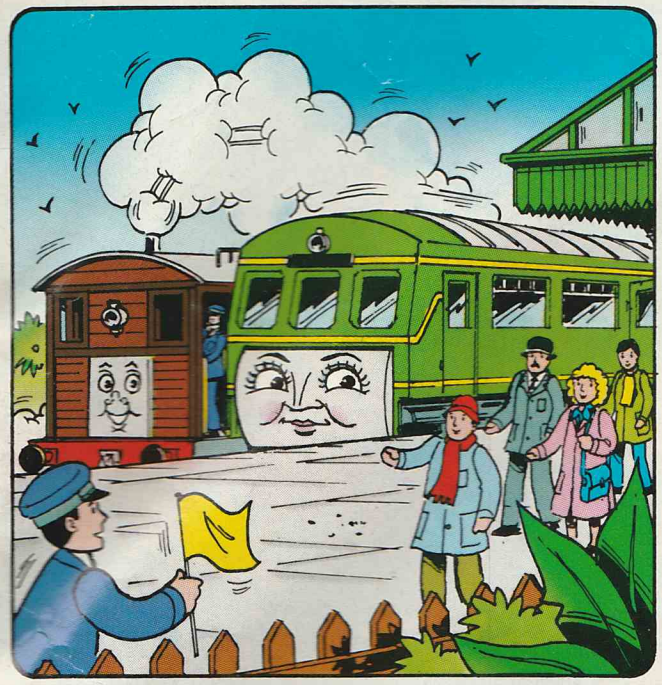
4. Toby's driver began to clean Toby and Henrietta because they had to be nice and clean before they went to collect the visitors from the Big Harbour.



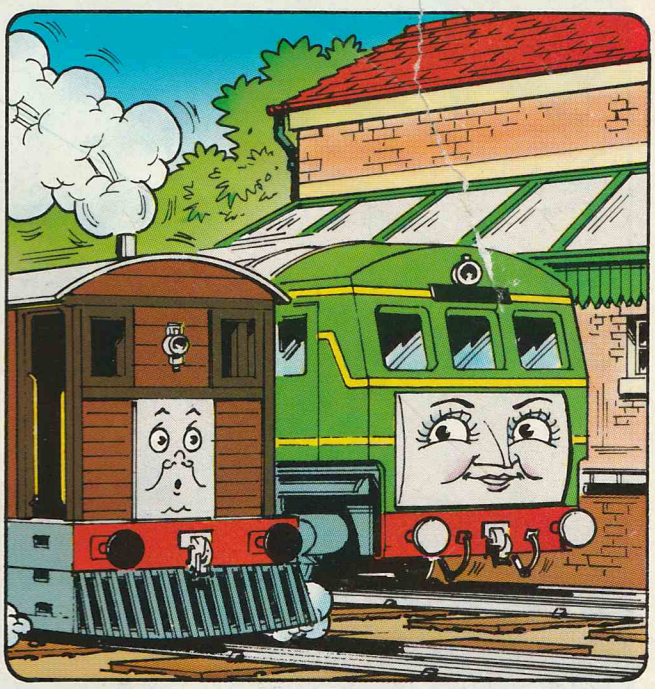
5. Toby and Henrietta were looking scrubbed and polished. They felt shiny and new. Just then Toby's driver received a message from the Fat Controller.



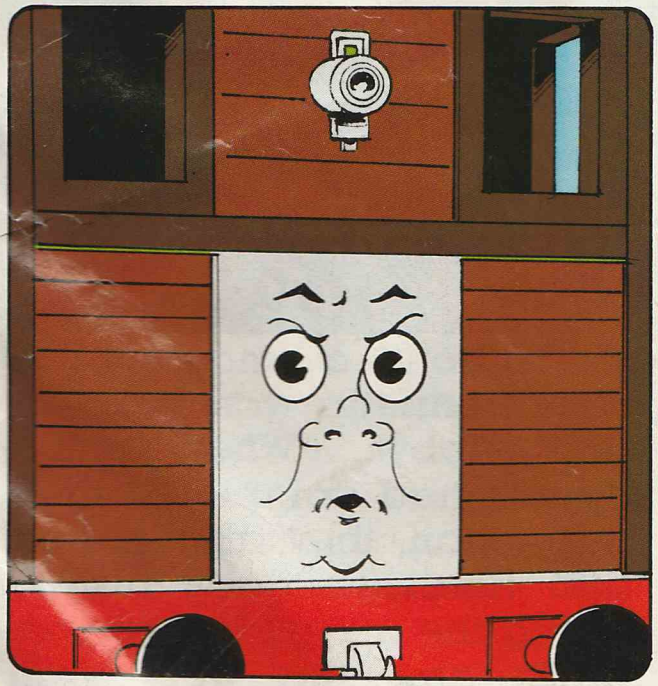
6. "Oh dear," said Toby's driver. "Our visitor's ship has arrived early. The Fat Controller had to send Daisy to fetch them as she is closer ." Toby was very sad!



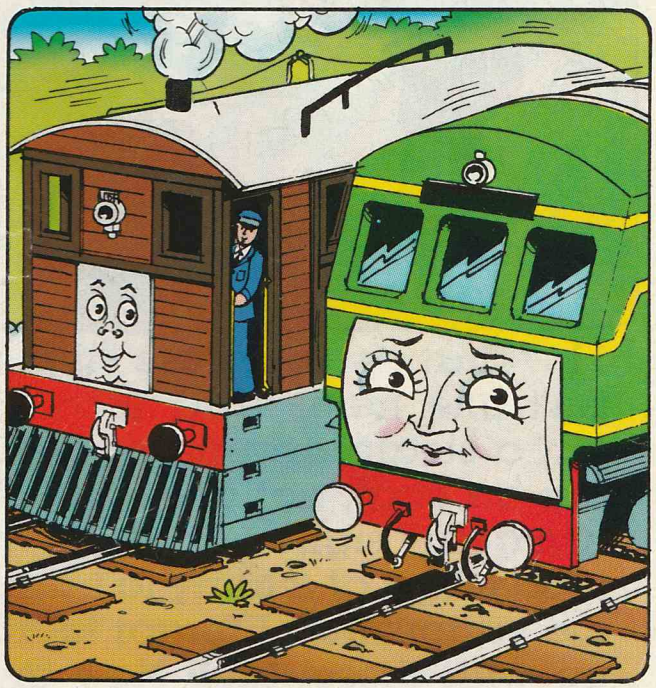
7. Toby tried to be cheerful when he saw Daisy arriving with the visitors. He stood proudly in the yard to greet them, as they stepped down onto the platform.



8. Daisy was a very modern railcar and she insisted that she was the finest railcar for carrying the visitors. She smirked at Toby. "Henrietta is too old to carry passengers!"



9. "Henrietta is a very fine coach!" said Toby crossly. "Hmph," hissed Daisy. "She is not thoroughly modern and highly sprung like me!" Daisy was feeling proud of herself.



10. Then, Daisy began to look about the yard anxiously. "Is something wrong?" asked Toby. "Yes," replied Daisy. "I cannot see your diesel fuel reservoir!"

11. "That is because there isn't one here," said Toby. "I am a steam driven engine. I run on coal, not diesel fuel!" "Oh dear!" sighed Daisy. "I left in so much of a hurry to bring the visitors that I forgot to fill up with diesel fuel! Now my fuel tank is nearly empty! How can I take them back to the harbour without fuel?" Toby smiled. "I can help," he said.

12. Without a moment to lose, Henrietta was coupled to Toby! When the visitors had completed their inspection, they all climbed into Henrietta. Toby rushed along the quarry line importantly and they were soon back at the Big Harbour. Toby was so pleased. He even collected some diesel fuel for Daisy on his return journey.

THE END

In our next issue: Diesel!